

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

The Citizens' Advisory Committee met January 11, 2010. The committee received updates on *GO TO 2040* that included the draft preferred Regional Scenario, policy recommendations related to tax structure, transit, transportation financing and open space and parks, and the contract for the production and promotion of *GOTO2040*. Committee members expressed concern about perceived omissions from the preferred Regional Scenario and were asked to provide individual input on the policy recommendations over the course of the next few months. They also agreed to attempt to reach a consensus so the committee might respond as a whole. In other business, the committee presented a plaque as it said farewell to Hubert Morgan, who had recently left CMAP. The 2010 meeting schedule was approved.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee did not meet in December and is scheduled to meet again on January 26, 2010.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on January 6, 2010. Staff provided updates on the regional water supply planning process, which is expected to wrap up early in 2010, and on funding for the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund. The main items on the agenda were the draft preferred Regional Scenario and initial recommendations for parks and open space in the region. The committee indicated that it was supportive of the preferred scenario, but did recommend wording changes to ensure that small-scale green infrastructure would be considered an important part of the local infrastructure recommendations. It was decided that a number of committee members would work with staff to address these concerns prior to the Planning Coordinating Committee meeting on January 13. The initial recommendations for parks and open space were generally well supported. Staff discussed in general terms the timeline for finalizing the recommendations and indicated that the ENR Committee should play a major role in shaping them.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

Having cancelled its December meeting, the Housing committee meets again on January 21, 2010.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services Committee did not meet in December. At its January 11 meeting, the committee discussed changes that are being considered by the RTA regarding the JARC and

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New Freedom programs. The committee also discussed what its role will be as CMAP progresses in the development of the *GO TO 2040* plan. Primarily the focus will be reviewing and commenting on various policy priorities that will be contained in the full *GO TO 2040* plan document. Updates were given on various Public Health initiatives and 2-1-1 statewide planning efforts. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for Monday February 8th.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on December 16th to conclude their input into the preferred scenario for *GO TO 2040*, and to continue the work they did in November on identifying key impediments to growing more compactly in the region, in response to that future scenario. To accomplish this, the work generated from their November meeting was crafted into an online survey that committee members responded to prior to the December meeting, in order to review these impediments and identify those that CMAP could most influence. The online responses from Committee members were discussed, and small groups identified ways that CMAP could influence overcoming the challenges to changing development patterns in the region overall. The Committee stressed that density goals in the preferred future scenario should be discussed as a means to accomplishing desired benefits if the communities of northeastern Illinois are to be impacted. The Committee did not meet in January but will resume their regular schedule on February 17, 2010.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee recommended establishing a Regional Transportation Operation Coalition (RTOC) that will serve as a collaborative forum advancing multi-modal transportation systems operations. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment, including administrative modifications for notification to CMAP federal partners was approved and the Transportation Committee approved the release of the semi-annual TIP/RTP conformity analysis and TIP amendments for a 45-day public comment period. The committee recommended endorsement of the preferred Regional Scenario document to the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board. Staff presented the *GO TO 2040* financial plan and evaluation of major capital projects. The committee also received an update on the rescission implementation plan for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. Presentations on the Regional Freight System Planning Recommendations and Regional Highway Ride Quality were also given and are available on the CMAP web site.

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